

Today's Advertisements.

ROTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 264.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, THIS EVENING, the 9th instant, at 8.30, for a special meeting. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 9th April, 1895. [427]

INSURANCE HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY, the 12th instant (Good Friday), and on MONDAY, the 15th instant (Easter Monday):—
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents.
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD.
General Managers.
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.
DOUGLAS JONES,
Acting Secretary.
UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LD.
W. H. PENCIVAL,
Agent.
NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO., LD.
W. H. RAY,
Secretary.
CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LD.
SHEWAN & CO.,
Agents.
YACHTS INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LD.
JAMES B. COUGHLIN,
Secretary.
CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.
WM. MACLEAN,
Manager.
THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LD.
Hongkong, 9th April, 1895. [428]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undermentioned have been instructed by the SENIOR ORDNANCE STORE OFFICER, CHINA, to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
TOMORROW
(WEDNESDAY), the 10th April, 1895,
AT 11 A.M.
AT PERMANENT ORDNANCE STORES,
Queen's Road East,
THE FOLLOWING
GOVERNMENT STORES, &c.

1. 1000 LBS. of TRENCH CARTS, 4 MINERS' WAGGONS, 1 CABIN STOVE, 5000 LBS. of HOPS, 1000 LBS. of BLANKETS, 1000 COPIES, 1000 LBS. of JUNK, 1000 LBS. of TENT DUCK, 1000 LBS. of COTTON, 1000 LBS. of WOOLLEN YARN, 1000 LBS. of CANVAS, 1000 LBS. of CAST IRON, 1000 LBS. of STEEL, 1000 LBS. of OLD FILES, 1000 LBS. of PACKING CASES, 1000 LBS. of IRON DRUMS, 1000 LBS. of COOPER LININGS, 1000 LBS. of PROOF BAGS, 1000 LBS. of TIMBER, LEATHER, &c.

2. A QUANTITY OF WORKING OIL CLOTHING.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery in Median Dollars, weighed at 17. All faults and errors of description at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer. All Lots to be cleared within 48 hours.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 9th April, 1895. [454]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undermentioned has received instructions to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON
SATURDAY, the 13th April, 1895,
commencing at 2.0 P.M.
at the SALE ROOMS, DUNDRELL STREET,
(For Sundry Accounts),
A QUANTITY OF
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
Comprising:—

DRAWING-ROOM SUITE IN SILK TAPESTRY and PLUSH, LADY'S FANCY CHAIRS, MARBLE-TOP and FANCY TABLES, WRITING TABLES, DESKS, PICTURES, ORNAMENTS, CARPETS, RUGS, CURTAINS, FENDERS and IRONS, ONE FINE TEAK SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED GLASS, DINING TABLE and CHAIRS, DINNER WAGGONS, DINNER and DESSERT SERVICES, ELECTRO-PLATE and GLASS WARE CUTLERY, PANTRY REQUISITES, SINGLE and DOUBLE IRON and BRASS BEDSTEADS, &c., MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS and SETS, DRESSING TABLES, SINGLE and DOUBLE WARDROBES with PLATE GLASS DOOR and PLAIN, SUNDRY BED-ROOM FURNITURE, BATH-ROOM REQUISITES, COOKING SPOVES and UTENSILS, &c., &c.

ONE MECHANICAL PIANO,
"SAFFRA" DOUBLE RICKSHAS (New).
Catalogues will be issued Prior to Sale. On View from FRIDAY, the 12th April, 1895.
TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.
GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 9th April, 1895. [459]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will take place on GOOD FRIDAY, the 12th, SATURDAY, the 13th, and MONDAY, the 15th April, beginning at 9 o'clock each day.
The following are the Competitions:—
1.—ALL COMERS—200 yards, 10 Prizes.
2.—M. H. CARBINE—300 yards, 4 Prizes.
3.—QUEEN'S 1ST STAGE—200 yards, 4 Prizes.
4.—LADIES' TOURNAMENT—300 yards, 8 Prizes.
5.—ASSOCIATION—300 yards, 5 Prizes.
6.—M. H. CARBINE—300 yards, 4 Prizes.
7.—ALL COMERS—500 yards, 10 Prizes.
8.—QUEEN'S 1ST STAGE—500 yards, 4 Prizes.
9.—QUEEN'S 2ND STAGE—500 yards, 3 Prizes.
10.—QUEEN'S 1ST STAGE—600 yards, 4 Prizes.
11.—QUEEN'S 2ND STAGE—600 yards, 4 Prizes.
12.—ALL COMERS—600 yards, 7 Prizes.
13.—QUEEN'S 3RD STAGE—800 yards, 4 Prizes.
14.—QUEEN'S 1ST STAGE—900 yards, 4 Prizes.
15.—QUEEN'S 1ST STAGE AGGREGATE.
16.—CARBINE AGGREGATE.
17.—NURSERY AGGREGATE.
18.—QUEEN'S 2ND STAGE AGGREGATE.
19.—ASSOCIATION—800 and 900 yards, 3 Prizes.
20.—QUEEN'S 3RD STAGE AGGREGATE.
21.—QUEEN'S AGGREGATE—11 Prizes.
22.—LADIES' COMPETITION—8 Prizes.
POOL Open to All Comers, 500 yards, 20 Cents a Shot, 70 per cent. returned for Bulls.
G. K. MOORE,
Honorary Secretary.
Hongkong, 9th April, 1895. [50]

Today's Advertisements.

CANTON DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS,
No. 51.

NAVIGATION OF THE CANTON RIVER.

FROM motives of defence, the Provincial Authorities have DECIDED to INTER-DICT, for the present, the NAVIGATION of the CANTON RIVER at NIGHT.

J. H. MAY,
Harbour Master.
Approved,
E. FARAGO,
Commissioner of Customs.
Custom House,
Canton, 8th April, 1895. [460]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamship

"NAMO,"
Captain Roach, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 11th instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS, LAFLAIX & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 9th April, 1895. [455]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Company's Steamship

"TITAN,"
Captain J. S. Thompson, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 11th instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 9th April, 1895. [461]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.
FOR TIENTSIN.

"KWEIYANG,"
Captain Dawson, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 16th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 9th April, 1895. [462]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship
"LIGHTNING"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after the 15th instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense, into the Godowns of the Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited, Wanchai.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their Goods from alongside, such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 9th April, 1895. [456]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Chartered Steamship
"POLYPHEMUS,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 15th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on 15th instant, at 1 o'clock P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 15th instant, will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 3 P.M. TO-DAY, the 9th instant.

The Steamer having been ashore at Gap Rock, Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading at once in order that signatures to the GENERAL AVERAGE BOND may be obtained.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 9th April, 1895. [457]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED.
VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

COLDS IN THE HEAD, &c.

BURROUGHS WELLCOME & Co's
PINOL EUCALYPTIA INHALERS.

ONE of the best remedies extant for Nasal Catarrh and all disorders of the Nasal Passages and Nasopharyngeal membranes.
Price\$1.25.

EUCALYPTUS OIL.

A STANDARD REMEDY FOR COLDS.
Sprinkled on the handkerchief and over the breast of the night clothing it gives almost instant relief.
Bottles\$1.00 and 50 Cents.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co., Ltd.,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 19th January, 1895. [57]

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1847.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

ALL these are Selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in Wood and Bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits and enabling us to supply the best wines at moderate prices.

PRICE LIST, WITH FULL DETAILS, TO BE HAD ON APPLICATION.

PORT.—After removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent dinner and after dinner Wines, of very superior vintage. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Clarets, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currents, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

HISKY.—All our Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The Scotch Whisky marked "E" is universally popular and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong Market.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 9th January, 1895. [6]

BIRTHS.

At No. 13, Sans Souci Terrace, Shanghai, on the 30th of March, 1895, the wife of H. KING HILLMAN, of a son.

At 25, The Bund, Shanghai, on the 3rd of April, 1895, the wife of C. S. ADAMS, of a son.

MARRIAGES.
On the 10th of December, 1894, at St. Mary's Church, Whitewood, Assa, Canada, by the Rev. James Williams, WILLIAM HENRY, second son of Joseph Turner, Maycroft Farm, W. Stockport, England, to LOUISA MARY, daughter of the late J. S. HEDDERLEY, China.

At the Cathedral, Shanghai, on the 30th of March, 1895, by the Rev. H. C. Hodges, M.A., CHARLES, son of John Erickson, Esq., of New Castle-on-Tyne, to ISABELLA, daughter of William James Forster, Esq., of Tynemouth, England.

DEATH.
At Hanyang, Hankow, on the 27th March, ANNIE THERESA, the dearly beloved daughter of Robert and Mary White. Aged one year and six months.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH
HONGKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1895.

ARE WE SAFE?

THE Home Government propose to spend a very considerable sum of money in improving the naval establishments in Hongkong and the construction of docks is spoken of as one of the principal works to be taken in hand at an early date.

Well and good so far, but where are those docks to be constructed so that they shall be out of range of an enemy's guns in time of war? How can they be reasonably expected to be constructed and destruction by an enterprising enemy, and how are they to be defended? The whole range of hills on the mainland on the northern side of the harbour is Chinese territory. The water way leading to it is half Chinese and the other half is Chinese.

In case of war, let us say by way of illustration, with Japan, would be neutral waters, and Japanese men-of-war might sail in under the guns of the Ly-ee-mun forts and "fetch up" where we have repeatedly seen the Chinese fleet at anchor, opposite Chinese Kowloon, and within a couple of miles of Hungshan Docks and within gun-shot of every part of the harbour and yet be all the time in Chinese waters and theoretically at least entitled to be there unmolested. Of course, in case of war their passage through the Ly-ee-mun would be resisted, and the channel closed by an effective torpedo defence and mines, but we could not do that without violating the neutrality of China and either rendering her hostile or authorizing our enemy to violate that neutrality also, to her serious disadvantage.

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THE CAMPAIGN IN MANCHURIA.
YOKOHAMA, April 6th.

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sense of the enemy could be notified in town and men sent out to oppose a landing. As far as modern artillery is concerned how many spots are there in Hongkong waters which are out of range of hostile fire from commanding positions on Chinese territory—hostile territory in the event of war with China, neutral territory if we were at loggerheads with any other Power, but neutral territory which no enemy would under existing circumstances hesitate to violate and utilize against us? China is unable and will be, for many years to come, unable to cause her neutrality to be respected.

In the event of war between any great naval power and ourselves—say with France, Russia, Germany, the United States or Japan—and any active operations being threatened against Hongkong, the occupation of Lamma Island to the south and of the opposite mainland to the north, or of certain points on it, would be absolutely indispensable for the successful defence of the city and harbour; for its safety as a place to which our fleet could come to dock, refit and provision; and if this is so would it not be as well, before large sums of money are spent in making docks and increasing the naval establishments to meet the uncertain contingencies of war, to consider carefully whether Hongkong, with its present boundaries, would, in time of war, be a secure place for ships to dock and repair, and, if not, whether it would not be as well—while we may and can—to take or obtain possession of such more extended boundaries as would ensure us against all risk and of which we would most certainly take possession in case of war on the plea of absolutely necessary self-defence.

Hongkong is not even reasonably safe from attack while Lamma, to the south, is in Chinese hands. Victoria Harbour is not a safe harbour while the hills opposite the Ly-ee-mun and at the back of Stonecutters' Island are open to and at the mercy of an enterprising enemy at no greater risk than that of violating Chinese neutrality, and while an enemy's squadron might, till war was actually declared or warlike operations had actually commenced, lie at anchor in neutral waters within easy gun-shot of our arsenal and magazines.

For many reasons, the time has come either for us to think seriously of extending our boundaries a little more widely, or make up our minds to forfeit our claim to the title of the "Malta and Gibraltar of the East."

THE CHITRAL RELIEF EXPEDITION.
LONDON, April 6th.

The expedition having succeeded in bridging the river Swat under a heavy fire, the Begal Lancers dashed across and dispersed the tribesmen, pursuing them for nine miles.

GREAT BRITAIN AND RUSSIA IN ASIA.
The Times states that a joint commission, accompanied by a small escort, has been determined upon to demarcate precisely the Anglo-Russian frontier, under an agreement with Russia.

MADAGASCAR.
Colonel Sherrington has quitted the Hova service in consequence of disputes with Malagasy officers.

(Special to Shanghai Mercury.)
THE ARMISTICE.
(From Mr. Foster to the U. S. Consul, Shanghai.)

SHIMONOSEKI, March 30th.
A Convention providing for an armistice, signed by plenipotentiaries to-day, is to go into force immediately and will expire on April the 10th at noon, but if in the meantime peace negotiations are broken off the armistice is to terminate at the same time. The armistice applies to the provinces of Fokien, (Shanghai) Chihli and Shantung, but the right of search and seizure of contraband of war is to be maintained. The victory is steadily improving, and it is able to transact business.

ADMIRAL ITO'S REPORT OF THE CAPTURE OF THE PESCADORES.
YOKOHAMA, April 4th.

A despatch from the Pescadores states that the flagship Matsushima on the 29th ult., completely surrounded the mouth of the bay, and no torpedoes were found. The transports anchored in Matsung harbour and landed troops and stores. There were originally 5,000 of the enemy, but they have been reduced to 1,000. The Japanese are sending to Japan, the Chinese soldiers have been liberated and sent to the mainland in junk. The large guns in the forts have been found to be slightly damaged and these are now being repaired. The inhabitants are quite peaceful and already business is proceeding as usual. The inhabitants appear to be easy to govern.

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BROADWOOD PIANOS at W. Robinson & Co.

THE Rifle Association's annual competition commences on Good Friday. Vide advt.

THE Portuguese gunboat Dina will shortly weigh anchor at Macao and proceed to Loreto Marques.

THE British cruiser Gibraltar left for England yesterday with a large number of time expired men from the China Station.

DURING the voyage of the Lightning, which arrived here from Singapore to-day, a Chinaman died on board and was buried at sea.

COLLARD & COLLARD PIANOS at W. Robinson & Co.

THE British ship Queen Adelaide, which arrived here this morning from Cardiff, brought out a cargo of coals consigned to the British naval authorities.

MESSES KELLY & WALSH have just issued a new and elegantly got up work by Mrs. Archibald Little, entitled "My Diary in a Chinese Farm."

A CRICKET MATCH will be played to-morrow afternoon at Happy Valley between teams representing the Warrant Officers, Staff Sergeants and Sergeants of the Royal Engineers and Royal Artillery.

THE Sultan of Johore, with Dato Abdul Rahman, Hajji M. Kassim, Capt. de Vere Creighton, and Dr. J. Galloway, are booked to leave Singapore for England by the P. & O. steamer Pekin on the 17th inst.

We hear that the difficulties experienced in effecting arrangements between owners of steamers running on the Canton River with a view to forming a "pool" have been overcome and that the terms of agreement were definitely settled to-day.

W. ROBINSON & Co., piano builders, tuners and repairers.

We are glad to see that the Straits Independent, publication of which has been suspended for some time owing to the serious illness of Mr. F. C. Berger, the Editor, is once more a "going concern" and is, unquestionably, one of the liveliest papers published in the Straits.

We hear that Mr. Saville Smith will be here shortly with the Grace Hawthorne Company, amongst which there are a number of old Hongkong favorites, including Miss Marie Brian, Miss Sallie Booth and Miss Gladys Tassell, judging by Indian press notices of this Company's performances, it appears evident that a great treat is in store for playgoers in Hongkong.

OUR Macao correspondent reports that the sanitary officers of the "Holy City" are subjecting all passengers arriving from Canton to a very careful medical inspection with a view to preventing, if possible, the landing of persons suffering from infectious diseases. Can it be possible that the Black Plague has re-appeared in Canton and hence these precautions at Macao?

New Comic Song and Dance Albums at W. Robinson & Co.

We are glad to hear that the numerous friends and well-wishers of Mr. Charles T. Robinson, who has always been well to the front in assisting at charity concerts and, in fact, wherever he could do a "good turn" for his fellow citizens, is not going to be allowed to glide noiselessly out of the Colony but that, on the contrary, a richly deserved complimentary benefit will shortly be tendered to him on the Volunteer Parade Ground or some other suitable place. We wish the movement every success.

THE Italian cruiser Cristoforo Colombo, Commander Gavotto, which arrived here yesterday afternoon from Bangkok, as reported in our last issue, is on a round-the-world cruise to allow Prince Luigi di Salaparuta, or the Duke d'Abruzzi, as he is usually styled, a nephew of the King of Italy, to see all the famous parts of the globe.

The Duke, who is a young man, having just attained his majority, is an officer in the Italian Navy, and ranks on board the Cristoforo Colombo as a Lieutenant. The Cristoforo Colombo is a third-class unarmoured cruiser, built in 1893, with protected deck throughout, having a displacement of 3,465 tons and engines of 3,800 indicated horse-power; being capable of steaming 16 knots an hour. Her dimensions are: length 249 ft., beam 36 ft., and mean draught 17 ft. 6 in. Her armament consists of 12 12 c. m. guns, four 17 c. m. and four 17 c. m. m. guns, and 12 4 c. m. guns.

New photo repairing machinery, received by W. Robinson & Co.

Two Chinese men-of-war are reported by the Chiao Shinchen to be en route to Japan, having been purchased by the Japanese Government.

He Wondered Why.—Juggins, Jun., "A 'muffs' going out of fashion, Miss Brown Jones?" "Miss B.-J.: "I don't think so, I wish they were."

An Emergency meeting of the Rothen Mark Lodge, No. 264, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, this evening, at 8.30 for o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

Full stock of banjos, mandolines, guitars, accordions, strings and fittings of all kinds at W. Robinson & Co.

We note that the Economist and the Statesman have written at length on the recent gold and silver debate in the House of Commons. The Statesman calls upon the City to make its known opinion in favour of a gold standard to be heard, and for all, which is largely answered by the fact that many are now ready to acknowledge their adherence to bimetallicism, who, previous to the debate, were afraid to confess such a faith. The Economist is a little harsher, and states the bimetallicists have little encouragement to draw from the debate. As a fact they have drawn much, and are quite satisfied with the result. Whatever else may be taken into consideration, the experience of whether "bimetallicism" may be proposed, international bimetallicism is to be expressly taboed. Both journals profess that the conference will come to nothing.


PRINCE KUNG and his colleagues have reported to the Throne that, notwithstanding the Government has spent on the Admiralty each year over one million taels, the Navy has never during the present war demonstrated itself in action. He therefore foolishly proposes to abolish the Admiralty Department in favour of the military arm of the Service. This petition was taken into consideration by the various Boards and was unanimously approved. In consequence, since the 20th ult., the officials of the Admiralty and the Naval College have been dismissed, and the funds remaining in that yamen removed to the Board of Revenue. This fund is reported to amount to no less than Tls. 100,000,000.

COMMENTING on the recent suspension of the Kobe Yushin Nippo, the Kobe Chronicle says: It has been suspended by the authorities on the usual charge of being dangerous to the public peace. It is obvious that to have been the publication of a small paragraph with many asterisks, purporting to be an account of the Chinese plenipotentiaries. The paragraph was as follows, and we suggest in italics the missing words:—"On the first day of the conference credentials were exchanged between the plenipotentiaries. At the second meeting Li Hung-chang proposed that an (armistice) should be declared during the (conference.) To this our (plenipotentiaries) replied that there were certain (conditions) compliance with which would induce them to agree with (such a proposal). These (conditions) are that the Japanese troops should be permitted meanwhile to occupy (Tientsin, Taku, Shan-hai-kwan) as a guarantee of good faith. At this demand the Viceroy seemed greatly embarrassed, and replied that he would give an answer within three days." Presumably, then, the Yushin "let a cat out of the bag."

FATAL ACCIDENT IN HONGKONG HARBOUR.
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**CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.**

1895.  1895.

SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.
THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA
AND THE UNITED STATES.
(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.)
Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPERESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 10th April.
EMPERESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 1st May.
EMPERESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. G. A. Lee, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 2nd May.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY leaving there daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, while passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

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